

House Resolution 819

By: Representatives Keen of the 179th, Smith of the 113th, Davis of the 122nd, Benton of the 31st, Hembree of the 67th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating one-hundred years of architectural education at Georgia Tech; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the academic year of 1908-1909, the Georgia School of Technology (as it
4 was known) initiated an architecture curriculum which has grown from a small
5 undergraduate program of local reputation to an internationally respected college; and

6 WHEREAS, with the broadening of the school's curriculum to include a degree that
7 combined applied art as well as technical skill, the Georgia Institute of Technology ("Georgia
8 Tech") stepped outside the niche it occupied as a first-rate technical school to take its place
9 among the premiere academic institutions in the "New South"; and

10 WHEREAS, graduates of the architectural program invented new building types and gave
11 dramatic shape to the modernization of the "New South" as seen in fine, classical institutions
12 designed by early renowned graduates, in art deco public and industrial buildings from the
13 1940s, and in Atlanta's distinctive skyscrapers, few of which have not involved Georgia Tech
14 graduates; and

15 WHEREAS, transformative ideas in architecture and urban design such as Atlantic Station
16 and the Atlanta Beltline took shape in Georgia Tech's studios; and

17 WHEREAS, the College of Architecture launches a new century of design research and
18 education championing advancements in the arts and the built environment through academic
19 programs in architecture, building construction, city and regional planning, doctoral studies,
20 industrial design, and music, serving a key role in defining Georgia Tech as the technological
21 research university of the 21st century; and

22 WHEREAS, the College of Architecture is a leading producer of research and analysis vital
23 to effective and sustainable communities, including urban design and smart growth, high

24 performance design and green building, assistive technology, design for health care and
25 healthy aging, spatial analysis and geographic information systems, and
26 architecture/construction/engineering integration; and

27 WHEREAS, the centennial of architectural education at Georgia Tech is an opportunity to
28 recognize its enduring impact on the public interest of Georgia and the United States, and it
29 is fitting and proper to recognize this historic achievement.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend the Georgia Tech College of Architecture and extend
32 congratulations to the individuals who have left their imprint on the community through their
33 contributions as students, faculty, alumni, staff, or administrators.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the College of Architecture
36 dean, Alan Balfour, on behalf of the men and women of the Georgia Tech College of
37 Architecture.